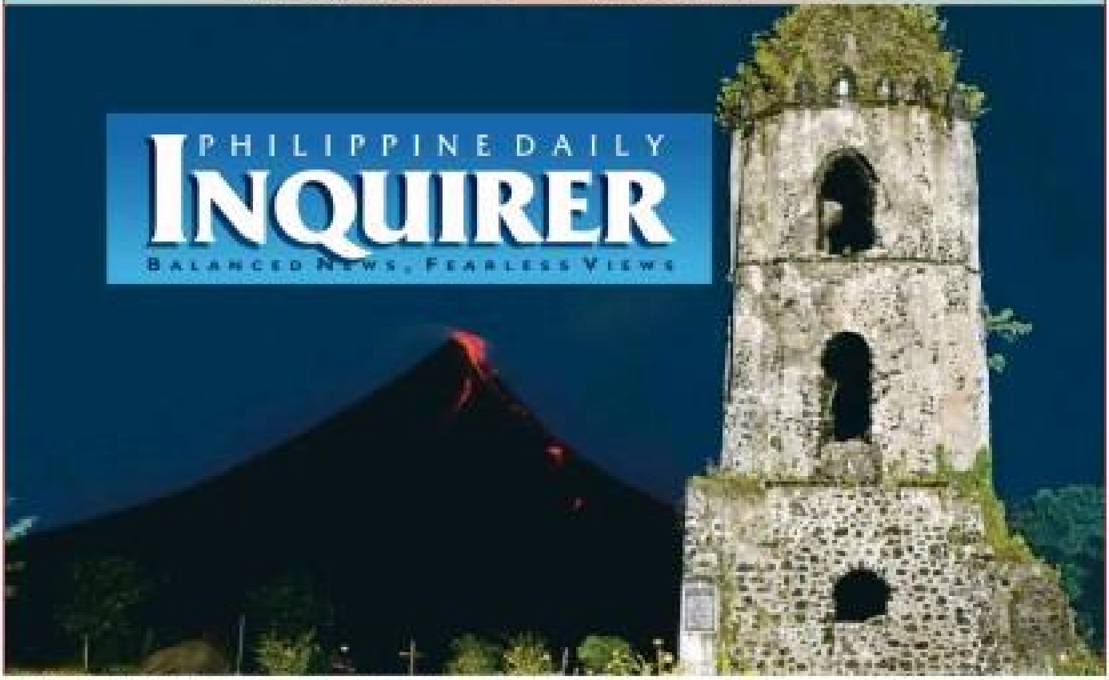
PHILIPPINE DAILY
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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS



MUTE WITNESS FOR ALL TIME The historic belfry of the Cagsawa Church provides a dramatic foreground as lava continues to flow down Mayon Volcano's slopes on Monday. More than 47,000 people living within an 8-kilometer danger zone around the volcano have fled their homes since Mayon began spewing ash and spilling lava over two weeks ago. Cagsawa in Daraga, Albay, is also a grim reminder of the volcano's deadly fury. It buried an entire village and its church in 1814. ARNOLD ALMACEN

More ferry deaths feared

54 still missing; Senate told captain not certified

By Christine O. Avendaño

THE DEATH TOLL from the sinking of the MV Baleno 9 on Dec. 26 off Verde Island could be much higher than first believed. Dozens of passengers reportedly had been left off the official manifest, according to the Coast Guard.

A total of 132 passengers supposedly boarded the ferry that sank off Calapan City 37 minutes into its voyage, said Sen. Richard Gordon, chair of the Senate blue ribbon committee that conducted a hearing on the sea tragedy yesterday.

Of the 132 passengers and crew aboard the roll-on, roll-off vessel, six died and 72 survived, Gordon said.

Fifty-four are missing as reported by relatives.

The Senate blue ribbon committee also learned that the skipper of the Baleno 9 was not a certified ship captain but merely a "major patron."

Capt. Jimmy Andal, who was earlier reported to have survived the sinking, is now listed

MORE FERRY A11

MAYON WATCH

Mudflow warning aired; 3 evacuees die in camps

By Rey M. Nasol
Inquirer Southern Luzon
and Alcuin Papa
in Manila

LEGAZPI CITY—WEATHER EXperts yesterday warned villagers of the danger of mudflows from rains that may hit Mayon Volcano this weekend, as the first reports of deaths filtered out of evacuation camps sheltering nearly 50,000 people.

Two elderly women died of heart failure in evacuation centers in Legazpi and Guinobatan, while a 5-year-old boy died of respiratory failure in a temporary shelter in Camalig, officials said.

A fourth death occurred when village chief Nicanor Perez, 60, collapsed from a heart attack while in a danger zone in Barangay Bogtong in Legazpi, they said.

Albay Gov. Joey Salceda stressed that none of the deaths—which occurred between Dec. 16 and Dec. 28—were a di-

MUDFLOW A10

Manny, Floyd ordered: Get urine tests in 48 hrs

LAS VEGAS—THE HEAD OF the Nevada boxing commission on Monday ordered Manny Pacquiao and Floyd Mayweather Jr. to submit to urine tests as a way of breaking the impasse that has threatened to derail their proposed March 13 megafight.

Pacquiao and the unbeaten Mayweather must submit to the tests within 48 hours or face possible fines or suspension by the Nevada Athletic Commission (NAC).

"That at least starts the ball rolling," said Keith Kizer, the commission's executive director.

MANNY A6



UNDER BAGUIO'S PINES President Macapagal-Arroyo's grandchildren—(from right) Marie Angelique, Victoria and Miguel Luis—ride the ponies in the wooded portion of The Mansion compound in Baguio City, where the First Family are spending the holidays. EDWIN BACASMAS/INQUIRER NORTHERN LUZON

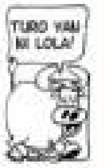
'I wish lola will be President forever!'

TO BE PRESIDENT FOREVER IS THE Christmas wish of one of President Macapagal-Arroyo's granddaughters for her grandmother.

"I wish that my lola, I mean ... I hope she'll be President forever!" 5-year-old Marie Angelique said on Sunday in Baguio, the site-christened website reported on Monday.

Marie Angelique, daughter of Pampanga Rep. Juan Miguel "Mikey" Arroyo, gave the answer when asked by reporters about her Christmas wish for her grandparents after the Arroyos attended Mass at St. Joseph Church.

I WISH A6



'Mother Lily' wants to know why 'Panday' is Best Picture

By Marinel R. Cruz

PREDICTABLY, NOT EVERYone's happy with the results of the annual Metro Manila Film Festival (MMFF).

Producer "Mother" Lily Monteverde, whose films "Mano Po 6: A Mother's Love" and "Shake, Rattle and Roll 11" are entries to the 35th MMFF, wants to know why the festival jurors chose another entry, "Ang Panday," for this year's Best Picture award.

MOTHER A6

NHI: Rizal's dying wishes unfulfilled

By Jerry E. Esplanada

UNKNOWN TO MANY FILipinos, most of Dr. Jose Rizal's wishes on his death remain unfulfilled, including the nonobservance of his execution on Dec. 30, 1896, according to National Historical Institute (NHI) Chair Ambeth R. Ocampo.

Speaking at a recent Metrobank Foundation lecture series on best teaching practices, Ocampo said the national hero left the following instructions in an undated letter to his family, written in Fort Santiago before he was shot: "... Bury me in the ground, place a stone and a cross over it. My name, the date of my birth and of my death. Nothing more. If you later wish to surround my grave with a fence, you may do so. No anniversaries. I prefer Paang Bundok [where Manila's North Cemetery now stands, as my burial place]."

These final instructions were

NHI RIZAL'S A6

Luzon bettor wins ₱111-M lotto jackpot

By Julie M. Aurelio

A LONE BETTOR FROM LUZON will have a bang-up new year after he or she correctly picked the right six numbers to win the ₱111-million 6/49 SuperLotto jackpot last night.

The winning combination 19-27-17-37-18-11 won for the lucky person exactly ₱111,242,358, the fourth SuperLotto jackpot to breach ₱100 million this year.

Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO)

LUZON A6

Ampatuans deny hand in massacre: We were not there

By Norman Bordadora

THE SONS OF ANDAL AMPATUAN Sr. have sought the dismissal of the multiple murder charges against them, denying that they had a hand in the planning of the massacre of 57 people in Maguindanao, according to documents submitted to the Department of Justice (DOJ).

In their counteraffidavits, the Ampatuans claimed that the witness police investigators have in their custody made no specific allegation of their involvement in the worst political violence in the nation's history.

"Plainly, the present complaint against me is utterly insufficient to indict me for a plot to murder innocent civilians," said Gov. Zaldy Ampatuan of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

He and his brothers—acting Maguindanao Gov. Sajid Islam Ampatuan and Shariff Aguak Mayor Anwar Ampatuan—and their cousin Maguindanao Vice Gov. Akmad Ampatuan all said in their affidavits that they were some place else when the attack on their political rival's convoy was allegedly planned at their father's house on Nov. 22.

Zaldy Ampatuan said the complaint filed by the Philippine National Police-Criminal

AMPATUANS A6

Second FRONT PAGE



Admin may lose Atienza to Erap

Lim with LP; Razon with Gibo

By TJ Burgonio

HAS THE ADMINISTRATION LOST RESIGNED ENVIRONMENT Secretary Lito Atienza to the camp of former President Joseph Estrada?



ATIENZA

'He's for Erap'

Razon is for Gibo



VOTERS' RUSH

Noynoy belies rumors of ill health



AQUINO

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

HE'S NOT SICK, NOT EVEN TIRED, JUST very busy.

Pols spend holidays on the campaign trail

By Leila B. Salaverria

WITH THE BAN ON PREMATURE CAMpaigning lifted, most politicians are not in a holiday mode.

Anything goes

Noynoy ad

DOH readies ghoulish tools for revelry: bone saws





Firecrackers harmful to animals, too

By Tina G. Santos

Dressed as animals

Animal stress



Bicol mentor is RP's best reading teacher



By Philip C. Tubeza

A GRADE V TEACHER FROM THE BICOL Region topped the Department of Education's (DepEd) search for the country's most outstanding reading teacher.

Education Secretary Jesli Lapus said Grace Rabelas was declared the champion of DepEd's 2009 Search for Outstanding Reader Teacher (SORT). She received a P75,000 prize.

"I congratulate Ms Rabelas and all SORT winners because you help open the minds of people through reading," Lapus said in a statement.

The National SORT and Read-A-Thon contest for 2009 was launched in July.

Lapus said the contest was organized to give recognition to the country's top reading teachers and their important contribution to the field of literacy. It also aimed to determine the best individual and team readers among elementary pupils in public schools.

Finalists from the regional search vied for the top spot during the week-long competition that was administered by DepEd's Bureau of Elementary Education, Lapus said.

Read-A-Thon

Lapus said Read-A-Thon included contests like Team Reading, Story Retelling and Oral Reading Interpretation, both in English and Filipino.

Other SORT winners were Amy M. Sanbao of Metro Manila (1st Runner up) and Ava B. Ipongan of Central Luzon (2nd Runner up).

In the Team Reading category, the winners were Leo Andrewnix Q. Dorias, Lordella Ashley N. Espinosa, and Marie Shendy L. Ladera (Region XII, English); Frances Marie Kyle Conrado, Bel Marie Galos and Irysha Abelon (Region V, Filipino).

Those who won in Story Retelling were Alexander G. Barlow (Champion, Region VII), Stephanie D. Dalkaro (1st Runner up, Region XII), and Cristle Mae B. Garcia (2nd Runner up, Caraga) for English; Renee Kayla D. Delos (Champion, Region IV-B), Cherry Mae T. Tenoy (1st Runner up, Region XI), and Jessie Paul Mabale (2nd Runner up, Region IV) for Filipino.

Oral reading interpretation

For the Oral Reading Interpretation, the winners were Hoor John M. Apalin (Champion, Region IX), Shaina Jane Magsipoged (1st Runner up, Region XII), and Amanda Danielle M. delos Reyes (2nd Runner up, Region IV-B) for English; Shaina Marie Villareal (Champion, Region VI), Lara Grace M. Pabst (1st Runner up), and Brian Jude Bula-Ag (2nd Runner up, NCR) for Filipino.

Free calls for kin of sinking victims

FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHER KIN OF the passengers and crew of the MV Baleno 9, which capsized off Batangas on Saturday night, may avail themselves of free calls courtesy of Smart Communications Inc.

In coordination with the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC), Smart has set up Libreng Tawag booths at the Batangas Pier and the Calapan Pier in Mindoro Oriental.

Smart has also provided Internet connectivity to enhance the PNRC's emergency response and coordination efforts in Calapan.

The Libreng Tawag booths were set up by employee-volunteers of Smart's Network and Platforms Services Division, Retail Merchandiser Group, the Smart Pro Calapan Sales Team, and the SM Lipa Experience Center as part of Kabalikat, the company's corporate social responsibility and community service program as well as the Experience and Community Relationship Management Operations of Customer Care.

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1st Reading: 1 Jn 2:12-17
Gospel: Lk 2:36-40

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480 cops replaced

Ampatuans deny hand in massacre: We were not there

No specifics

Police witness



AMPATUAN JR.



AMPATUAN SR.

Physically impossible

Different approach

Don't play around

Low turnout in extended voters' registration

By Cathy C. Yamsuan

Counting machines

Until January, please

'Statistically unfeasible'

Pinay found dead in envoy's home in Vienna

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Manny, Floyd ordered: Get urine tests in 48 hours

Biggest money maker

Another foe for Pacquiao

Ball in Pacquiao court

Test costs $150





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RP foreign debt rises to $53.1B

By Michelle V. Remo

New Year to bring new hope—GMA

By TJ Burgonio



Senate urged to probe delay in tutors' bonuses



DOLPHY, Lifetime Achievement Award



SHARON CUNETA, best actress for "Mano Po 6"



HEART EVANGELISTA, best supporting actress for "Mano Po 6"



SEN. RAMON "BONG" REVILLA, best actor for "Ang Panday"



LILY MONTEVERDE, special awardee

'Mother Lily' wants to know why 'Panday' is Best Picture

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Best Picture criteria

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Unanimous

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2nd, 3rd best films

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Best director

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'Be humble'

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Cellar-dweller

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'I wish that my lola will be President forever!' What about her ratings?

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Public dissatisfaction high

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Noncommissioned survey

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Down in VisMin

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Very bad among class ABC

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NHI: Rizal's dying wishes unfulfilled, including memorializing him

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Day of mourning

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Pending legislation

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RIZAL

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Why Rizal Day on Dec. 30

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Practical reason

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25-volume of hero's writings

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Experts to meet to prepare RP economy for global rebound

Winthrop generics: global brand, local price





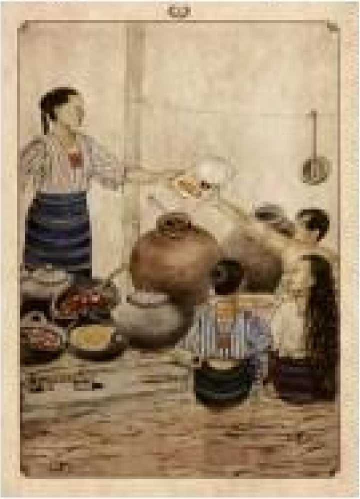
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Lights of his life don't know fate of lighthouse keeper

More ferry deaths feared





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OPINION

Consecration

EDITORIAL

THIS MAY BE THE LAST TIME THE COUNTRY observes Rizal Day on December 30. The National Historical Institute supports bills moving the date from the anniversary of Rizal's execution to that of his birth, June 19. It is more convenient because it allows students to be dragooned into forced commemorations, and allows a celebratory continuum, beginning with the Flag Days that start on May 28, flow into Independence Day on June 12, and culminate with the proposed new Rizal Day on June 19.

We do not doubt the administrative convenience a shift in date represents. We object to the manner in which this law will divorce Rizal's life—and death—from the consensus and commemoration achieved by every generation of Filipinos beginning with Rizal's own contemporaries.

If the First Republic is viewed as the cornerstone of our national identity, then the commemoration of Rizal on the anniversary of his execution is one of the few surviving legacies of that regime, along with the flag and the anthem. That execution itself was undertaken by the Spanish in retribution for the outbreak of the Revolution in August 1896, a date otherwise unmarked since the foundation of the First Republic itself, whose leaders sought to downplay Andres Bonifacio's revolt, involving, as it did, too many uncomfortable questions about that republic's leadership.

Still, the official history has been set in stone since the Diosdado Macapagal administration moved Independence Day to June 12, and we have no desire to challenge the official consensus. But if we are to respect that consensus then surely it is as valid, and even more so, because continuously observed, to retain Rizal's commemoration on the day he was martyred.

It has often been said that Rizal's martyrdom conferred upon him secular sainthood. Do these include the virtues of Catholicism on a heroic scale, the kind that characterized its martyrs? No. Pope Benedict XIV wrote, "In order to be heroic, a Christian virtue must enable its owner to perform virtuous actions with uncommon promptitude, ease, and pleasure, from supernatural motives and without human reasoning, with self-abnegation and full control over his natural inclinations." Rizal devoted his life to Reason as his 19th-century generation defined it, and insisted upon it; he would have considered Christian heroism a kind of delusion, founded on superstition.

Or was it what Chris Lowney, studying the Jesuits, calls "heroic leadership"? Lowney's book identifies four traits that set the Jesuits apart and which could reasonably describe how Rizal stood apart from his contemporaries: self-awareness, ingenuity, love, and heroism itself, in "an uninterrupted life of heroic deeds and heroic virtues."

Martyrdom was a crowning glory for Rizal in his own eyes, the validation of his life's work. His execution, it can be argued, was planned by him as an eternal reproach to those moving with intemperate haste to create a nation when nationhood, in his eyes, would be meaningless if the population wasn't thoroughly imbued with reverence for the civic virtues. That is, personal habits and attitudes, as one definition puts it, that are conducive to social harmony and the well-being of the community.

Apolinario Mabini for his part said the only tribute worthy of Rizal's memory is the imitation of his virtues. He argued that "if Rizal had not existed, somebody else would have played his role," and in response to the grounds laid by the Spanish for Rizal's execution, argued in turn the originally moderate demands of Rizal's generation, "by nature slow and gentle ... had become violent because obstructed." Mabini then observed that even if "Rizal had not started the revolution, yet he was condemned to death: were he not innocent, he would not be a martyr."

Mariano Gomez, Jose Burgos, and Jacinto Zamora in 1872, Jose Rizal in 1896, Jose Abad Santos in 1942, and Ninoy Aquino in 1983 are heroes by virtue of martyrdom. We have an instinctive, an organic, approach to heroism. To move Rizal Day is to drop what sets Rizal apart from his contemporaries and sets us apart, in turn, from our founding generations.



Rehabilitating riverside settlements

COMMENTARY

Anna Marie A. Karaos

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The year that was

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

DEATH AND RESURRECTION. THAT'S THE story of the year that was.

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Death and resurrection. That was the year that was.

Santa in Balintawak

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God keeps giving us beautiful children and we keep forcing them to live in slums

A nation in waiting

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World leaders rated failures as Earth's stewards

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Tap neutral, independent anti-doping agencies outside America for Pacquiao-Mayweather fight

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BOXER Manny Pacquiao after winning the WBO welterweight crown from Miguel Cotto last Nov. 14 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Martial law should be imposed as last resort

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Guard against the only way GMA can 'survive'

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INQUIRER Northern Luzon

Disasters, crisis cut Central Luzon gains

DISASTERS SPAWNED BY floods and the economic crisis have set back efforts in Central Luzon to sustain its rise from the destruction wrought by Mount Pinatubo's eruptions almost two decades ago.

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Impact

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MOTORISTS are forced to cross the muddy portion of the road in Barangay [illegible] in Carranglan, Nueva Ecija, that was rendered impassable by landslides in August.

Bright spots

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God spoke in Ilokano to us 100 years ago, says Bible translator

IMAGINE JESUS CHRIST AS AN Ilocano preaching in the language commonly used in northern Luzon.

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Popularizing God's Word

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Extra care

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Evangelization, ecumenism

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Across the NATION

Assistant Editor Tony Bergonia

NPA targets pols with 'dirty money'

SOMEWHERE IN MINdanao—Politicians deriving their campaign funds from illegal activities will become targets of the New People's Army (NPA), a communist spokesperson said at a press conference in a rebel hideout.



NEW PEOPLE'S ARMY guerrillas show off their weapons at a parade in one of their camps in Mindanao to celebrate the 41st founding anniversary of the Communist Party of the Philippines, which is waging what could be the world's longest-running insurgency.

Lakas head says shift in voters choice to favor Gibo in long run

Tragic holidays: 15 dead in 2 accidents

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Eleven people died when their truck fell into a ravine in Maria Aurora town in Aurora, while four others died in a smashup of seven vehicles along the Tarlac side of Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEx) on Monday, police said.

Work on ₱1-B Boracay water, sewage plan starts Jan. 1

WORK ON A PROJECT TO GIVE Boracay potable water and efficient sewerage will start on Jan. 1, according to the company that won the contract for the project.

Makers say it's OK to give firecrackers to cops

CAMP GEN. ALEJO SANTOS, Bulacan—It's alright for police to accept firecrackers and other pyrotechnic products from manufacturers as Christmas and New Year gifts but they should not demand.



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Manny adored only inside the ring?

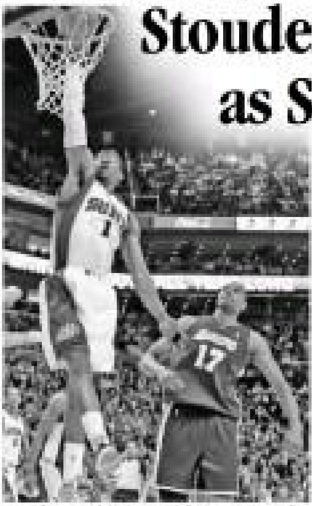
IN HUDDLE



Smart Gilas paints rosy basketball future

By June Navarro

Stoudemire, Nash shine as Suns torch Lakers



SPARKS Stoudemire (left) of the Phoenix Suns scores on a slam off Los Angeles Lakers big man Andrew Bynum.

Reuters, AP

New horseracing rule to hasten prize release

Chuaquico, Custodio power MTBA

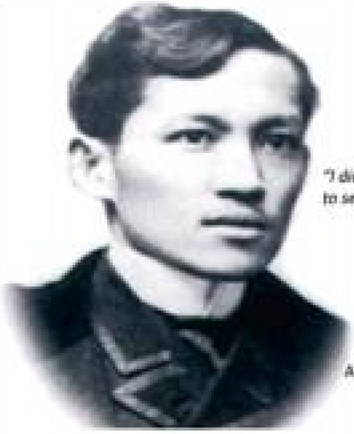
Derby champ known today

PBL returns to Rizal, NAS

By June Navarro



PBA CARES Philippine Basketball Association commissioner Sonny Barrios delivers a short message to kids and their parents during the league's outreach program at the Bahay Kalinga Community in Barangay Nangka, Marikina City.



Dr. Jose Rizal

June 19, 1861 to December 30, 1896

"I die without seeing the dawn brighten over my native land. You who have it to see, welcome it – and forget not those who have fallen during the night."

-from Noli Me Tangere

There was a time when people never imagined that...
Man could land and walk on the moon...
Billions of people around the world linked together by the internet could share information in a second...
Plant materials could fuel our cars...
An African-American could become President of the United States of America...

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AND CHANGE IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE

CHANGE ALREADY PROVEN

Olongapo City
from Sin City to Model City   peace and order
livelihood   quality education   first class hospital
color coded transportation system
resurrected after eruption of Mt. Pinatubo

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orderly and clean metropolis
a disciplined citizenry   respect for the law
dignity of public property
efficient traffic management

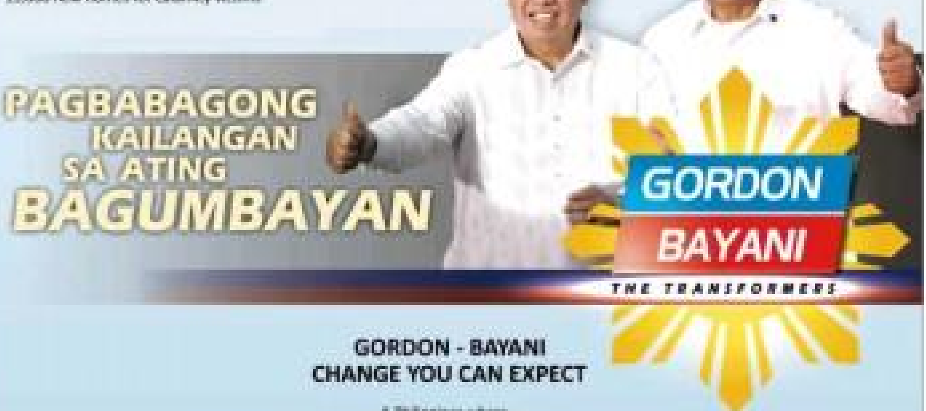
Humanitarian Service
modernized the Philippine National Red Cross
premier humanitarian organization
a legion of volunteers   state-of-the art rescue equipment
rubber boats   amphibious vehicles   ambulances
relief missions   rehabilitation of devastated communities
15,000 new homes for calamity victims

Subic Bay
transformed into a bustling investment and tourism hub   host of APEC summit
billions of dollars in foreign investment
100,000 jobs   showcase of economic progress

Philippine Tourism
WOW Philippines
premier tourist destination
millions of foreign tourists   billions of dollars
Best of the Regions in Intramuros
hundreds of thousands of new jobs every year

Marikina
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A plus METRO

Metro's top cops face evaluation



GETTING READY

METRO MANILA POLICE DISTRICT DIRECTORS and station commanders will soon undergo an extensive evaluation of their capabilities, after which they will be graded accordingly in order to raise standards in the service.

Better late than never for Mandaluyong's poor

Bus hits taxi cab on Edsa; 17 persons hurt in mishap

Marine colonel faces physical injuries rap from fellow detainee

QC police station officer shot dead

By Nancy C. Carvajal

No death threats

Baywalk hot issue in mayoral race

By Tina G. Santos

Sealing of muzzles begin for cops' guns

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Tight security measures in place at Caloocan terminals

By Beverly T. Natividad

Marine colonel faces physical injuries rap

Attack

Defense

The WORLD

Editor: Lawrence B. Ocasio

Obama says US won't rest until plane attackers found

KAILUA, HAWAII—A WING OF al-Qaeda claimed responsibility on Monday for a failed Christmas Day attack on a US-bound passenger plane, and President Barack Obama vowed to bring "every element" of US power against those who threaten Americans' safety.



THE SIX-INCH-LONG packet of the high explosive chemical called PETN smuggled onto the Northwest Airlines Flight 253 by Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab on Dec. 25.

Speaking during a vacation in Hawaii, Obama said, "We will not rest until we find all who were involved and hold them accountable."

US security rules go topsy-turvy after terror attempt

Iran holds remains of 5 protesters

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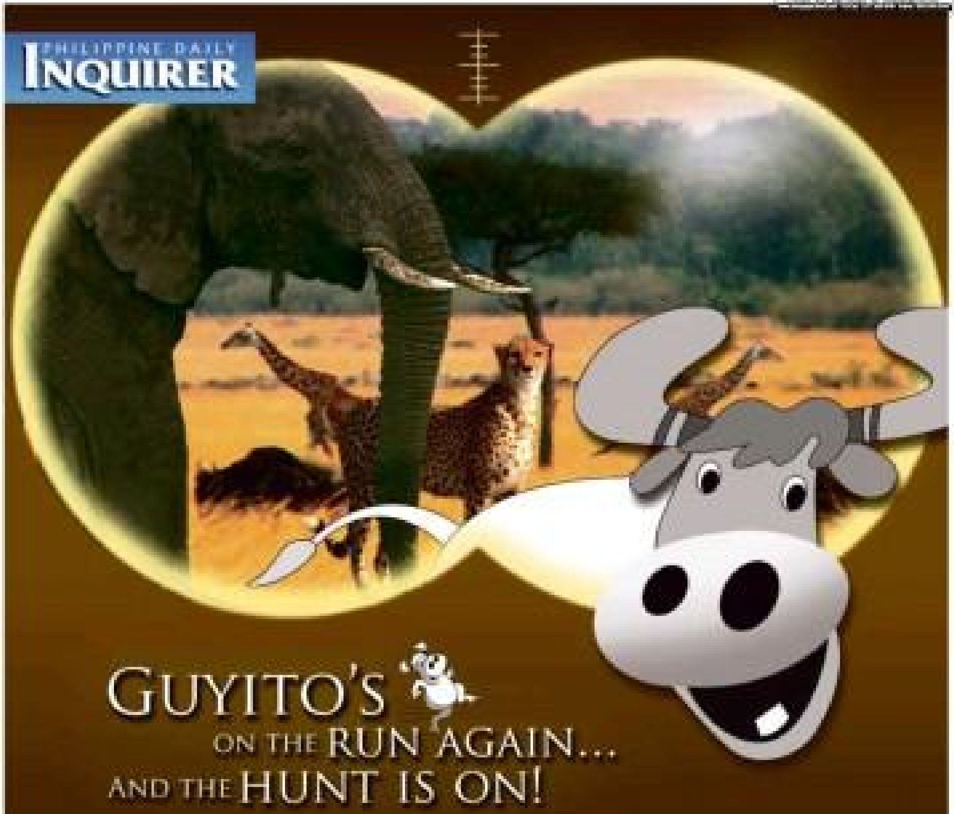
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China executes British national despite pleas

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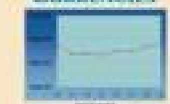
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By Michelle V. Remo

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Shares close higher

Metals production surged by 39% to ₱107B in '09

By Riza T. Olchondra

METALS PRODUCTION IN THE Philippines surged in 2009...

Competition tempers telecom service costs

By Paolo G. Montecillo

SENDING TEXT MESSAGES and making calls on mobile phones have become a vital part of everyday Filipino life.



MOBILE PHONES have become an essential part of existence in today's world.

Vietnam firm wins auction for rice supply

Vinafood2 only bidder that offered below $700 per ton

Crisis? What crisis?

Biz Buzz

By the staff

Strange bedfellows

Who, me?

MB renovation

Asean seen signing open skies deal

Metals . . .

Banks . . .

Competition continues . . .

Meralco . . .

IBM wins Asian CSR Award for "World Community Grid: Nutritious Rice Project"

IBM was awarded the Asian CSR Award for Poverty Alleviation for its program, "World Community Grid: Nutritious Rice for the World" during the 8th Asian Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Awards held on November 20 at the Cinema Plaza Hotel. The program uses software written by researchers at the Computational Biology Research Group at the University of Washington to predict the protein structures of major rice strains in view of the global hunger crisis issued.

Determining the structure of proteins is an extremely complex and expensive process. The World Community Grid - Nutritious Rice for the World project will help create the largest and most comprehensive map of rice proteins and their related functions thus enabling agriculturists and farmers pinpoint which plants should be selected for cross-breeding to cultivate better crops. The ultimate objective is to help farmers breed better rice strains to attain higher crop yields, promote greater disease and pest resistance and provide a full range of available nutrients that can benefit people around the world, especially in regions where hunger and nutritional deficiencies are critical concerns.

This is one of the first steps in an extensive research effort to breed new strains of rice. If the techniques being employed for this project prove fruitful, they could be applied to other important crops, avoiding the controversial approach of genetically engineering plants.

The Philippine-based International Rice Research Institute has contributed over 100 years of runtime to World Community Grid.

James Velasquez, Country General Manager of IBM Philippines, accepting the award for IBM, said: "We live in a time where we can leverage smarter technologies developed through applied research to solve critical issues facing society. This was the guiding principle that led us to embark on this journey with our partners for the World Community Grid project Nutritious Rice for the World."

For five years running, World Community Grid has enabled scientists around the world access to extraordinary computational power, dramatically accelerating the pace of research from years to months. This grid is powered by the cumulative donation of idle time from PCs all over the world, he added. Employees of IBM in the Philippines are contributing to the grid.

World Community Grid now has 488,000 members, 1.4 million devices and over 280,000 years of runtime.

The Asian CSR Awards, co-presented by Asian Institute of Management and Intel, is Asia's premier Awards program that recognizes companies in Asia for their social projects and programs. The five major categories for 2009 were: Best Workplace Practices, Concern for Health, Environmental Excellence, Poverty Alleviation, and Support and Improvement of Education.

PRCI seals sale of 69% stake in JTH Davies

Move in line with debt reduction efforts

Oriental plant to cost ₱2.4B

Abacus, Blue Stock OK share swap deal

Business

GROWING, BUT FRAGILE

Global economy still scarred by crisis



US retail holiday sales improve in '09

Asian stock markets close mixed

Trade sluggish as eventful 2009 draws to a close

MOTORING

Editor Jorge R. Amano


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Behind the wheels

CEOs speak up on last year's trek and where they're heading in the future


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Porsche


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Kia


GREG YU
Mercedes-Benz

IT COULD HAVE BEEN much worse. The lingering effects of a global recession that started late in 2008 necessitated a lot of backbreaking, culture-changing sacrifices for the automotive industry.

The storms came one after the other. Goodyear shut down its manufacturing plant, BMW collapsed as Philippine unit and the Ford Group were on a retrenchment mode.

And as if they were not enough, killer typhoons "Ondoy" and "Pepeng" came and left a trail of devastation. The images of cars floating in muddied waters remain so vivid.

But from the dark clouds emerged an industry that displayed amazing resilience. Sales were up in no time and a late surge put the smile back on the faces of the car merchants again.

Inquirer Motoring caps the year by asking the men and women at the helm of the auto companies a recap of the year that was and what lies ahead for their customers.

Toyota, Lexus: More than selling cars

By Chapie Medina
Contributor

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Continued growth

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Support for EO 156

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TOYOTA 2009 ACCOMPLISHMENT report

Market Standing
No.1

Units sold (As of Nov 30, 2009)
42,293

Models launched

[illegible]

Highlights

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Mitsubishi targets market of subcompact sedans

By Abigail L. Ho

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The year that was

[illegible]

Outlook

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MITSUBISHI MOTORS 2009 ACCOMPLISHMENT report

Market Standing
No.2

Units Sold (As of Nov 30, 2009)
20,815

Models launched

[illegible]

Highlights

[illegible]

Isuzu performs beyond expectations





ISUZU

2009 ACCOMPLISHMENT report

Market Standing

No.5

Units sold

8,014

Models launched

Highlights

It's a smashing yearend celebration for Hyundai with the Media Noche Choral Festival and the launch of the All-New Tucson





A Night of Music

A Night of Power and Pure Energy

The All-New Tucson: All Performance. All Beauty. All Yours.



MOTORING

Honda pursues fuel-efficiency drive



HONDA

2009 ACCOMPLISHMENT report

Market Standing

No.3

Units sold

15,838

Models launched

City
Civic

Highlights

Hyundai: Rising to the challenge of the times



HYUNDAI

2009 ACCOMPLISHMENT report

Market Standing

No.4

Units Sold

10,185

Models launched

Highlights

Fueled the recovery

Brisk

Welcome change



TUCSON is expected to dominate the SUV market with its value for money proposition.

Mabilog sees more 'zeroes' in 2010

KIA

2009 ACCOMPLISHMENT report

Market Standing

No.8

Units Sold

3,418

Model launched

Soul

Highlights

More 2010 forecasts

Auto smuggling, illegal importation



SOUL from Seoul



A more upbeat Nissan firm in a politically charged 2010



Chronology of Launches

January 2009
Lexus IS300, ES350, GS460, LS460, LX570
Mercedes GLK
Honda City

February
Hyundai Genesis Coupe

March
Lexus RX350

April
Foton MPX

May
Volvo XC60
Mercedes E-Class
Honda Civic

July
Nissan Patrol Super Safari w/ QUICK-N
H-100 All Purpose Multi Cab
Audi Q5 2.0 FSI
Toyota Vios S

August
BMW 7 Series
Lexus IS300 Convertible
KIA Soul
Mercedes CLC-Class
Ford Expedition
Ford E150 Club Wagon
Ford Ranger
Ford Everest
Ford Ranger Wildtrak

September
BMW Z4 Roadster last September 23
Audi A4 TSI
Audi Q5
Porsche Panamera
Mercedes S400 Hybrid
Toyota Fortuner
Toyota HiLux
Toyota Innova

October
Volvo C30, S40, and V50 2.0L Powershift models
Subaru Legacy and Subaru Outback
Porsche GT3
Audi RS6
Mercedes E-class coupe
Mitsubishi Lancer EX

November
Facelifted Volvo S80
Nissan Navara Kronos Edition
Mazda CX7, CX9
Ford Escape

December
Hyundai Tucson

Hyundai: Rising to the challenge of the times

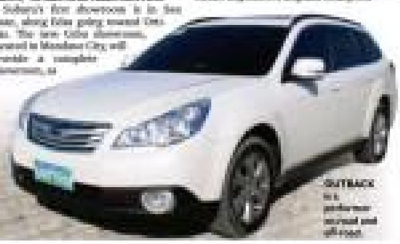
Subaru: Moving closer to the customer

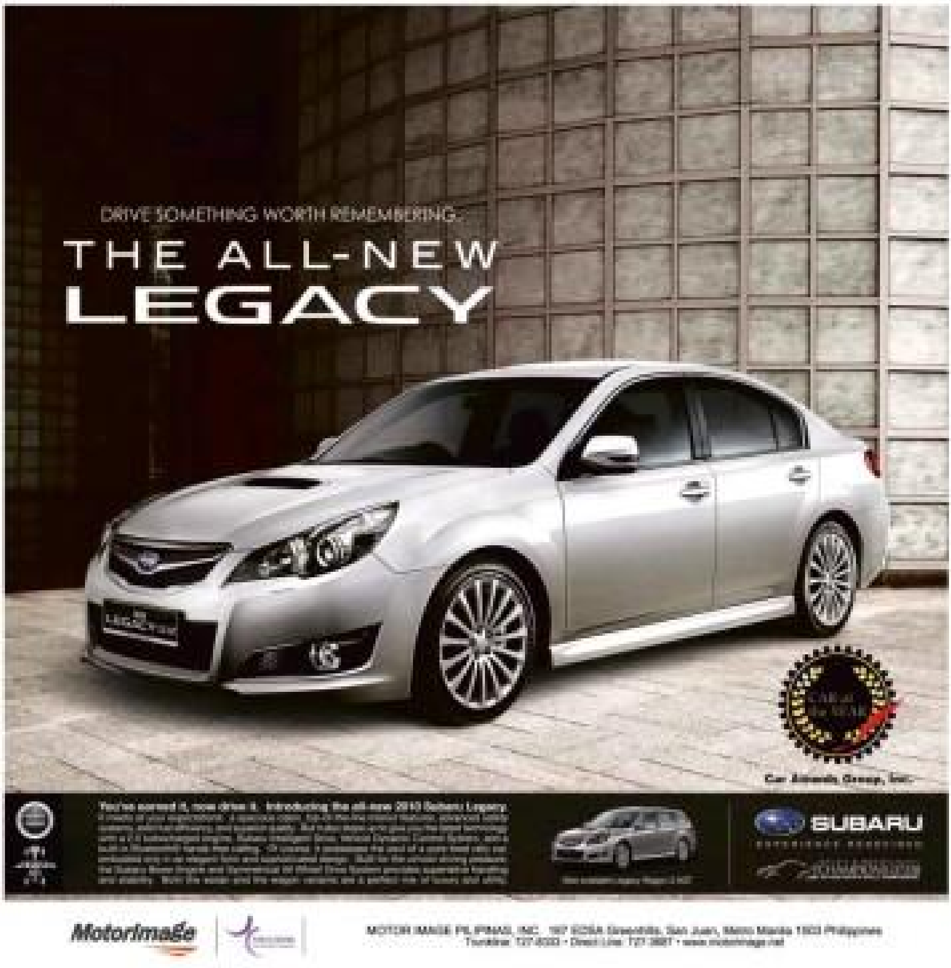
SUBARU

2009
report

841







MOTORING

Ford Group ends year with a stronger performance





2009 ACCOMPLISHMENT report

No.6

7,113



Bouncing back from lost opportunities





With ACC on top, a more exciting 2010 for BMW





2009 ACCOMPLISHMENT report

No.1

550

Beyond premium and safe cars, Volvo advocates development of youth leaders

2009 ACCOMPLISHMENT report

241





Cayenne saves year for PGA Cars, Inc.





PORSCHE Philippines Chairman Robert Coyiuto, Jr. (left) with Porsche AG representative Dr. Stefan Rotsch, the After Sales Director of Porsche AG

2009 ACCOMPLISHMENT report

Units sold (As of Nov. 30, 2009)

240

Models launched

Highlights

For Suzuki, it's Vrroom or Bust





2009 ACCOMPLISHMENT report

Market Standing

No.9

Units sold (As of Nov. 30, 2009)

2,340

Models launched

Highlights

LIFESTYLE Home & Entertaining

Museo de La Salle inspired by Old Manila pavilions



THE MUSEO Pavilion is envisioned as an alternative education site.

THE MUSEO DE LA SALLE in Cavite has a new come-on. It now has a pavilion designed by the DLSU-Dasmariñas College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology students, with the Museo de La Salle. This pavilion is inspired by the pavilions and gazebos of Old Manila, specifically the open-air terrace of the old Malacañang Palace in the Spanish and American colonial eras.

The pavilion showcases the Museo collection of period and vintage wicker and rattan furniture crafted by the inmates of the Old Bilibid Prison, along with the



THE WHITE "parols" in the pavilion were designed by leading Manila decorator of the '30s and '40s, Ronnie Laing, whose shop on A. Mabini St. displayed the best Christmas decorations and windows and heralded the start of the Philippine Christmas season.





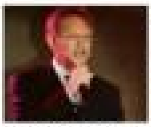




Cebu's Chaine des Rotisseurs holds Christmas dinner with 'Belle Epoque' theme







WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH



Kings of night life















Happy birthday, Johnny!

Museo de La Salle inspired. . .







MIRIAM College girls perform for the crowd.



CORBYVILLE "techtopia" design of Claret School



CAITLIN Tan, Judi Tan, Fe Vasilla and Edwin Tan



SHERWIN Ortouste, Iris Chuatgo and Sheila Ngo



MICHELLE Fortich, Lou Bernardino, Elsie Bernardino, Carmen Tapales, Mhang Malgar and Andrea Limjoco

Newest virtual city is for the youth

SAMSUNG MOBILE, THE LEADING brand that's into continuous innovation in mobile phones, recently unveiled three phones—the CorbyTXT (B3210), B3410 and the CorbyPRO (B5310).

Patterned after the successful launch of the Samsung Corby (S3653) in the third quarter this year, these new phones are designed to enhance the young consumers' messaging experience.

The event was held at the SM Mall of Asia Entertainment Hall, which had a Corbyville activity area. Claret School of Quezon City emerged as champion in the booth decoration contest, followed by Colegio San Agustin and Adamson University.

Students enjoyed different activity booths, including the marriage booth, jail booth and photo booth for free. Upon registration, students were given "corbys" (the village money) for play money so they could play all they wanted.

LA&P sports VJ Rosa Rios emceed the event. Teen stars Matt Evans and Melissa Ricks joined Samsung executives Fe Vasilla, Lyca Domingo, Myleene Sabalo, Stef Chua, Raine Jacobsen and Odette Velarde in welcoming the new phones.

Built with ergonomically design QWERTY keypads and pop-up social networking site messaging, these phones allow quick and easy messaging online and status updating. Plus, updates posted online by friends can be automatically pushed to a user's mobile.

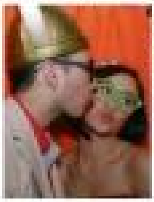
The new Corby line also has enhanced instant messaging capabilities. These phones provide for Multi IM so that contacts from different instant messaging portals like Google Talk, MSN and ICQ can be pooled into one chat session.

And, for SMS fanatics, the new threaded message feature of these phones allows viewing of the entire SMS conversation on the screen.

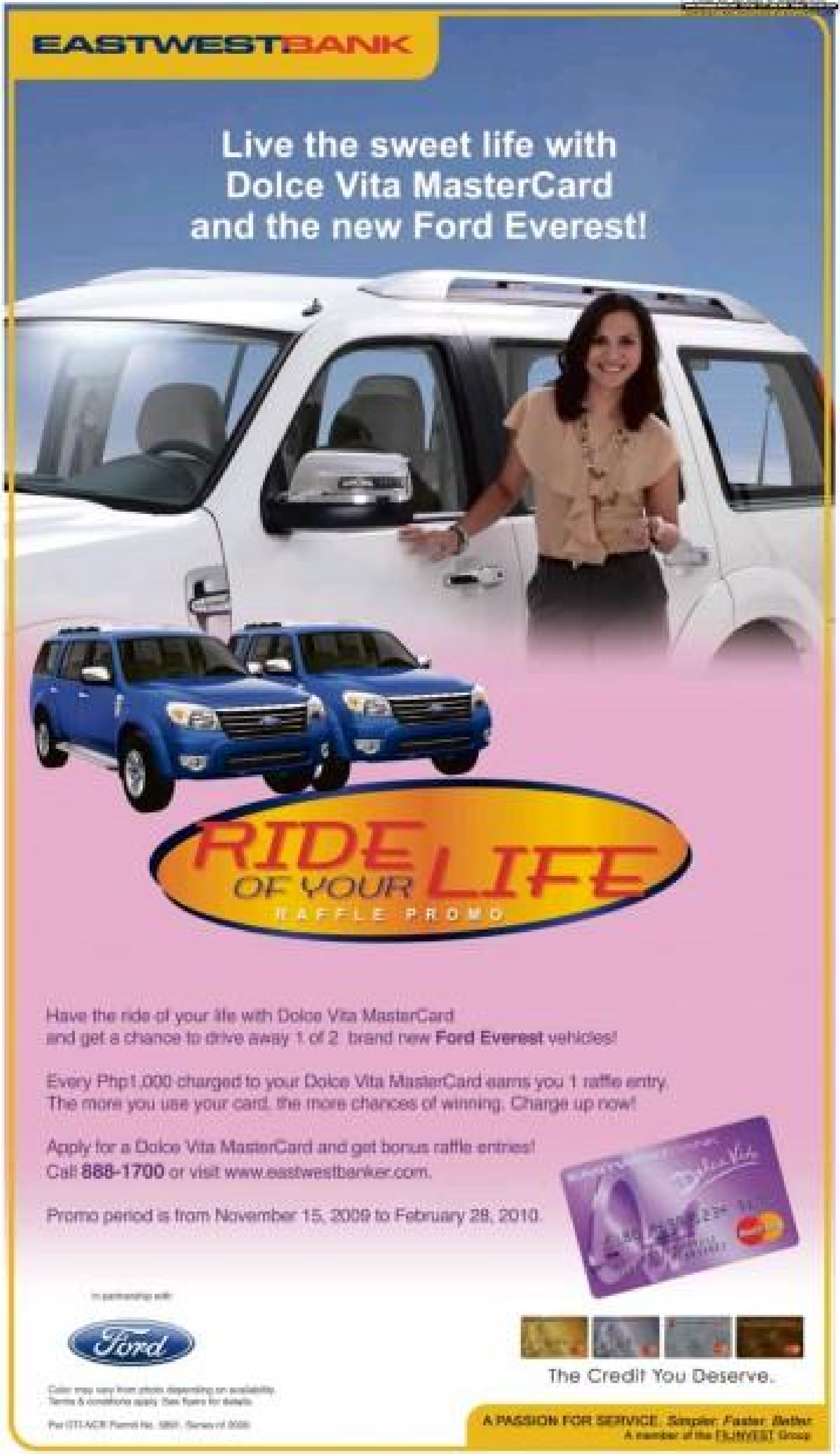
The new CorbyTXT, B3410 and CorbyPRO phones are also equipped with either a 2- or 3-megapixel camera and a communities application for instant uploading to one's Facebook, Friendster, Flickr and other popular online communities.

The new line also has a mobile entertainment—music player so users can listen to their favorite MP3s or radio (or FM radio capability).

Those who missed the Corbyville launch at SM Mall of Asia can still join the fun by logging on to ph.samsungmobile.com. Click on the banner that leads to the Samsung Corbyville microsite. The newest virtual city and the ultimate youth community is Samsung Corbyville.



MELISSA Ricks and Matt Evans enjoy the photo booth.



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LIFESTYLE Home & Entertaining



How to decorate a home for the New Year

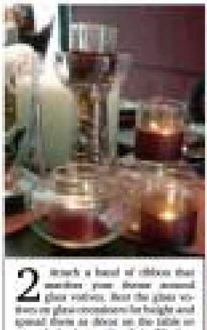
Use surprise accents–from beads for texture to polka dots, your own photo wall

Do-it-yourself

With [illegible] and [illegible]
Photos by [illegible]

1 PLATES IN SIZES CONTRASTING sizes and shapes evoke creative elegance. Use name cards as guest place cards (use double-sided tape to seal the sides). Add quirky touches to the decor with unexpected elements such as ceramic balls, birds or silver note makers. (Plates, ceramic balls, and decorative bird from NEST Jupiter; silver note maker from National Book Store, Glorietta 3)





2 Attach a band of ribbon that matches your theme around glass votives. Rest the glass votives on glass containers for height and spread them as decor on the table or around the home. For this, fill glass containers with glass marbles. (Glass marbles from Gaisano, Greenbelt 5; glass containers from NEST Jupiter)



3 Decorate a big glass vase with bunches of faux, and ceramic and glass balls. Put party poppers covered in decorating paper, colored party blowers and noise makers for guests to use. (Pendant from Club Princess, Boniface High Street; party blowers and poppers from Landmark Makati)

HOW TO DECORATE B2







Literally, 10 steps away from the water

Jewelry designer builds seaside getaway





Living, dining areas





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How to decorate a home for the New Year

7







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6

Victorian era-inspired subdivision to rise in Sta. Rosa, Laguna







SM MALL OF ASIA

Welcome 2010 with a bang only at the country's top lifestyle mall!

The holiday festivities by the bay aren't over yet as the SM Mall of Asia—the only mall by the scenic Manila Bay and home to nearly a thousand shopping, dining, and leisure choices—invites everyone to a New Year celebration like no other! Prepare to welcome 2010 with exciting events and amazing attractions you won't find anywhere else.

Prosperity in 2010: GMA7's New Year Countdown

December 31, 2009 | SM Mall of Asia Complex | 6PM Onwards



Your favorite Kapuso stars will throw the grandest yearend bonanza by the Manila Bay! Prosperity in 2010 is the hottest countdown to the new year with a stellar line-up of Kapuso artists that include John Lapus, Hayden Aghapour, Gian Magdangal, Geoff Taylor, Aljur Abrenica, Chris Cayzer, Frencheska Farr, Kyla, Ira Colendo, Katrina Halili, Angelika Dela Cruz, Glaiza De Castro, Nina Jose, Gabby Eigenmann, Chucoul, Sheena Halili, Mark Herras, Pauline Luna, Kris Bernal, JC Tiuseco, Maxene Magalona, La Diva, the Sexbomb Dancers, Mar Flores, Rich Asuncion, Jay Perillo, Chynna Ortaleza, Nadine Samonte, the BandaOke Band, and more!

Watch this star-studded New Year countdown while dining at The Veranda, where you can find the perfect restaurant that suits your moods and food cravings. The wide variety of excellent cuisine served at the Veranda is perfect for a night of revelry and partying to welcome 2010! What's more, there will be a spectacular fireworks display especially designed for this grand event!

Grand Mascot Parade

January 1, 2010 | Mall Arcades | 4 PM

Join the longest mascot parade in the country as it makes its merry rounds at the mall's sprawling complex! Witness as brightly colored characters, accompanied musically by the MOA Marching Band, as they awe and amaze shoppers in this exciting feature, which is one of the highlights of SM MOA's New Year celebration. Bring the whole family over to watch and take part in this breathtaking parade!



The Gentleman is Back in Manila:

Ne-Yo live at MOA

January 9, 2010 | MOA Concert Grounds | 8 PM

One of the world's R&B superstars starts the 2010 concert season with an explosive night of his signature grooves and tunes—Ne-Yo is back in Manila for another unforgettable concert live at the MOA Concert Grounds.

The phenomenal singer-songwriter rose to fame with chart-topping hits such as *So Sick*, *Because of You*, *Closer*, and *Miss Independent*. The catchy yet easy beats and his beautiful lyrics have propelled him to superstardom in different parts of the world, including the musically-competitive Japan, where his albums *Year of the Gentleman* and *Ne-Yo: The Collection* debuted at the top spots of the charts.

Get your tickets now to one of the most anticipated concert events of 2010! Log on to www.ticketworld.com.ph for tickets, priced at: VIP (reserved seating) P3,500; Platinum (reserved seating) P4,000; Gold (free seating) P2,500; Silver (standing) P1,500; and Bronze (standing) P500.





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LIFESTYLE Parenting



Cut here

Newspaper cutout of Susan Boyle on a Christmas hat? You can do it, and more



By Mara Coson
Contributor

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE the rough-looking brooder smoking at house parties, wearing dress shoes and a beanie. You don't have to go to art school or be a graduate of one. You can be more creative without a lot of effort.

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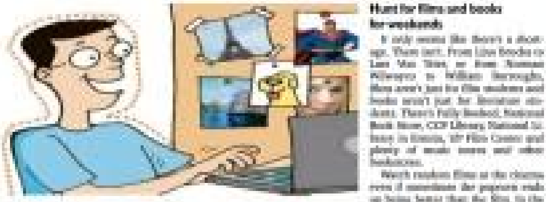
Put up a picture wall above your desk

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Make collage cards for friends

[illegible]



Keep a book of quotes

[illegible]

Create your own 'zines, badges or stickers

[illegible]





Hunt for films and books for weekends

[illegible]

Make difficult reads toilet reads

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Get yourself on Facebook and 'friend' your child's friends

Or what I've learned in 2009 as a mother

ROOTS AND WINGS



Cathy Babao-Guballa

THE HOUSE IS ALL quiet now. My older child, who is in college, is out with her friends. My 11-year-old is at his grandmother's for a sleep-over.

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Communication

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Tell me who your friends are

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GARFIELD — By Jim Davis



A. LIPIN — By Jess Abrera

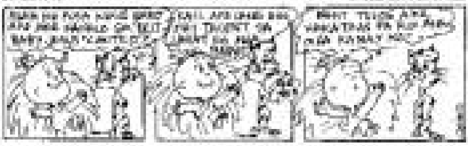


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DICK TRACY





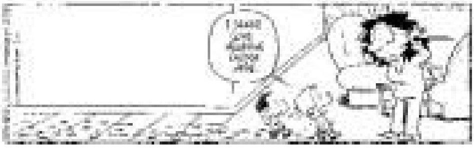
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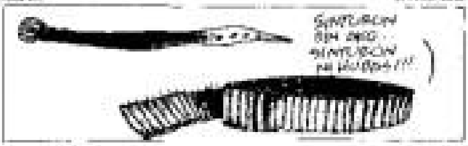
DIVINE COMEDY



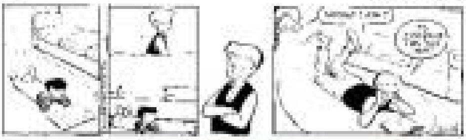
BABY BLUES — By Jerry Scott



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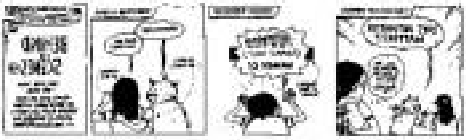


BEN — By Daniel Shelton





KIKO MACHINE



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

HOROSCOPE

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

					8	6		
				1			4	
				9			1	3
	7	1			2	5		
3			4	6	5		2	
4							6	
	2						8	
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			5		9			

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

'Primer' on compact fluorescent lamps

THE CONSUMER
Linda B. Bolido

[illegible]

Concerns

[illegible]

Proper disposal

[illegible]

Get yourself on Facebook and 'friend' your child's friends

From page E1



[illegible]

Start them early on work-life balance

[illegible]

Encourage volunteerism

[illegible]

Life is short, live and love well

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Mall promo raffles off brand-new Land Rover

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WHAT'S UP

UST Arts and Letters batch '85 to hold homecoming

[illegible]

'Bangketa' sale

[illegible]

Ballet Manila's 'Paskong Pinta'

[illegible]

New Starmall cinema

[illegible]

Beauty treats

[illegible]

Bisperas! at NUVALI all weekends of December

[illegible]











Makati hotel lights its Christmas tree, launches fundraiser



GUESTS FLOCKED to Mandarin Oriental, Manila's Captain's Bar as the hotel kicked off its holiday season with a grand ceremony to light its 20-foot Noble fir tree flown in from Oregon, US.

[illegible]



[illegible]

Give the gift of natural health

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Baked goodies for the holidays

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Baskets of Italian treats

[illegible]

Choco company promo at Duty Free

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ENTERTAINMENT

Top 10 Films at the US box office





Top newscaster uses TV5 as bargaining chip



Rushes

Names on TV5's list

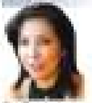
Missing 20 minutes

"Share the Happy"

Shirts and cash from Pacman

The year MJ passed on

Dolly Wood



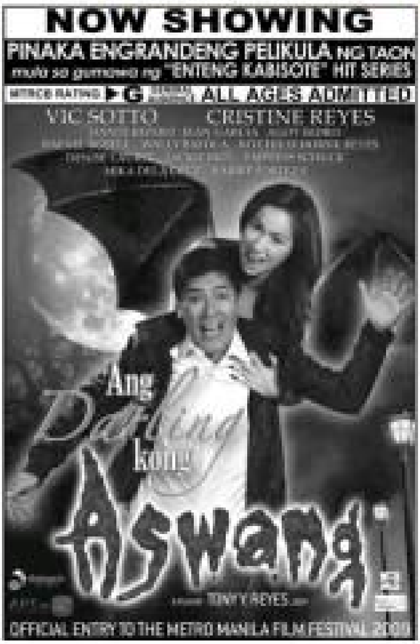
Dolly Anne Carvajal





Wish List

Gina Alajar





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GALLERIA

1 I LOVE YOU, GOODBYE
2 AND DARLING KONG ASWANG
3 AND PANDAY
4 NOBODY, NOBODY BUT JUAN
5 SHAKE RATTLE AND ROLL 11
6 BANDI PO 6
7 WAPAKMAN
8 I LOVE YOU, GOODBYE
9 AND PANDAY
10 BANDI PO 6

MANILA

1 WAPAKMAN
2 BANDI PO 6
3 NOBODY, NOBODY BUT JUAN
4 AND PANDAY
5 AND DARLING KONG ASWANG
6 SHAKE RATTLE AND ROLL 11
7 I LOVE YOU, GOODBYE

METRO EAST

1 AND DARLING KONG ASWANG
2 I LOVE YOU, GOODBYE
3 NOBODY, NOBODY BUT JUAN
4 AND PANDAY
5 BANDI PO 6
6 WAPAKMAN
7 SHAKE RATTLE AND ROLL 11
8 RESERVED

NOVALICHES

1 SHAKE RATTLE AND ROLL 11
2 WAPAKMAN
3 BANDI PO 6
4 AND PANDAY

FORUM ROBINSONS

1 SHAKE RATTLE AND ROLL 11
2 WAPAKMAN
3 BANDI PO 6
4 AND DARLING KONG ASWANG

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STA. ROSA

1 AND PANDAY
2 BANDI PO 6
3 AND DARLING KONG ASWANG
4 I LOVE YOU, GOODBYE
5 SHAKE RATTLE AND ROLL 11

LIPA

1 AND PANDAY
2 BANDI PO 6
3 SHAKE RATTLE AND ROLL 11
4 AND DARLING KONG ASWANG

DASMARIÑAS

1 SHAKE RATTLE AND ROLL 11
2 AND PANDAY
3 BANDI PO 6
4 NOBODY, NOBODY, BUT JUAN
5 I LOVE YOU, GOODBYE

STARMILLS

1 SHAKE RATTLE AND ROLL 11
2 WAPAKMAN
3 BANDI PO 6
4 AND PANDAY
5 NOBODY, NOBODY, BUT JUAN
6 I LOVE YOU, GOODBYE

IMUS

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4 BANDI PO 6
5 WAPAKMAN
6 SHAKE RATTLE AND ROLL 11

ANGELES

1 SHAKE RATTLE AND ROLL 11
2 AND PANDAY
3 BANDI PO 6
4 AND DARLING KONG ASWANG

TACLOBAN

1 BANDI PO 6
2 I LOVE YOU GOODBYE
3 AND PANDAY

DUMAGUETE

1 I LOVE YOU GOODBYE
2 BANDI PO 6
3 AND PANDAY

BACOLOD

1 I LOVE YOU GOODBYE
2 AND DARLING KONG ASWANG
3 BANDI PO 6
4 SHAKE RATTLE AND ROLL 11
5 NOBODY, NOBODY, BUT JUAN
6 AND PANDAY

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1 AND DARLING KONG ASWANG
2 SHAKE RATTLE AND ROLL 11
3 BANDI PO 6
4 AND PANDAY
5 NOBODY, NOBODY, BUT JUAN
6 I LOVE YOU, GOODBYE

GENSAN

1 WAPAKMAN
2 BANDI PO 6
3 AND PANDAY
4 SHAKE RATTLE AND ROLL 11

ILOCOS NORTE (NOW OPEN)

1 BANDI PO 6
2 AND PANDAY
3 SHAKE RATTLE AND ROLL 11

MOVIEWORLD GENSAN

STATE-OF-THE-ART CINEMAS

Great Sights!
Great Sounds!
Great Seats!



The year MJ passed on

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friend Francis Dagbm who promised to get me one in the United States.

I will surely devour the book from cover to cover [illegible] MJ was working on the book at the time of his death. It is a comprehensive book on the life of MJ [illegible].

In keeping with MJ's innovative spirit, the book boasts of a publishing first: live action on the printed page. It features over 300 rare and previously unpublished pictures of MJ, plus the personal remembrances of the people who knew MJ best like [illegible] Jackson, Quincy Jones, Berry Gordy, Smokey Robinson, Shaquille O'Neal, Paula Abdul, Jane Fonda and many more.

MJ will be given a posthumous Grammy for Lifetime Achievement Award, adding to his previous 13 Grammy trophies, on Jan. 31. He has also been named as MTV's Man of the Year and his demise is Associated Press' top entertainment story of 2009.

I can't think of a better way to end the year than by paying tribute to MJ whose music reverberates in my heart. Here's some trivia about the late King of Pop, for MJ fanatics like me, it may be a New Year but we can never ever learn a new trick. It's only fitting that I devote my last column of 2009 to MJ because from beginning to end, 365 days of the year, I've got the same old love for him.

- In 2000, Michael was listed in the book of Guinness World Records for the support of 39 charities, more than any other celebrity. The Guinness staff refer to him as the Most Famous Living Entertainer on Earth.

Internet's top search

- Michael Jackson tops this year's Internet searches on the biggest search engines: Google, Yahoo and Bing. On the day of his death, the Internet almost crashed.
- MJ's fave song is "Smile." He recorded his own version of it in his "History" album and dedicated it to one of his role models, Charlie Chaplin, who composed the song's music.
- 22 years ago, MJ joined forces with Disney to create "Captain EO," a groundbreaking 17-minute 3D film experience. The classic musical spectacle that thrilled Disneyland park guests from 1986-1997, will return for an exclusive, limited engagement in February 2010.
- When MJ met Lady Di, she requested him to sing "Dirty Diana." He sang about groupies. He was taken aback because he purposely left it out of his set as a courtesy, [illegible] the tune was about her. [illegible] obliged and sang it for the Princess of Wales at his concert in Wembley Stadium, London, in July 1988.
- MJ met Elizabeth Taylor when she walked out of his concert [illegible]. He called her the next day and they clicked instantly. [illegible] once told MJ, "The way you move, I think [illegible] studied your body."
- "I felt that one glove was cool," said MJ of his single beaded fashion statement. "Wearing two gloves seemed so ordinary."
- MJ appeared on a postage stamp in the Virgin Islands in the mid-'80s. [illegible]
- MJ wore his trademark black armband to remind [illegible] of the suffering children around the world.
- Jackson was really a King in West Africa. He was given a royal title [illegible] Ivory Coast, in 1992.
- MJ was a vegetarian.

(E-mail: [illegible])

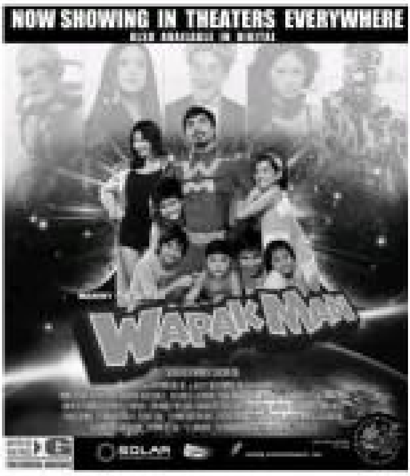
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Top of the talk shows

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Cameron's new opus a cinematic marvel



Monumental struggle



Repetitive plot points



Two original comedy series premiere on HBO



Movie maestro